

Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Requirements and Resources), ATTN: Reports Clearance Officer, Room 3C980, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**TITLE, APPLICABLE FORMS, AND**

**APPLICABLE OMB NUMBER:** Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services (previously entitled Certificate of Ecclesiastical Endorsement, Nomination of Chaplains for the Three Military Departments (Army, Navy, Air Force)); DD Form 2088 and DD Form x291 (Draft); OMB Control Number 0704-0190.

**SUMMARY:** This information collection is used by the Department of Defense to access chaplains into the Military Services. The collection, which is used by all the Military Services, gathers the necessary data for determining eligibility for religious organizations seeking to endorse chaplains and for clergy persons seeking endorsement as military chaplains.

**NEEDS AND USES:** Title 10 United States Code 532, 591 and DoD Directive 1304.19, requires the Department to ensure that religious organizations seeking to endorse chaplains are eligible and that applicants qualified for the military chaplain services are endorsed by those religious organizations. Two forms are associated with this program to collect the necessary information. The DD Form x291 (Draft), "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification Information," requests basic demographic information about the religious denominations seeking to supply chaplains. It requests the name of an official authorized to represent the organization to the Military Services, and it requires the organization to certify that it is authorized by its membership to act as the sole agency for the purpose of certifying and endorsing clergy to serve as military chaplains. The DD Form 2088, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agent Certification," is used by religious denominations to certify that a member of their clergy is professionally qualified to become a chaplain. It requests information about name, address, professional experience, and previous military experience to be used in determining grade, date of rank, and eligibility for promotion for appointees to the chaplain services.

**Affected Public:** Not-for-profit institutions.

**Annual Burden Hours (Including Record keeping):** 851 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 818.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.  
**Average Burden per Response:** 1.187.  
**Frequency:** On occasion/annually.

To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 614-8989.

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**Proposed Information Collection Available for Public Comment; Notice**

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Requirements and Resources) (ATTN: Reports Clearance Officer), Room 3C980, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**TITLE AND APPLICABLE OMB NUMBER:** Youth Attitude Tracking Study (YATS) (previously entitled Communications and Enlistment Decisions/Youth Attitude Tracking Study III (CEDS/YATS III), OMB Control Number 0704-0069.

**SUMMARY:** Approximately 10,000 young men and women are interviewed via telephone each Fall to ascertain

attitudes and opinions affecting military recruiting. Occasionally, additional interviews of 3,000 youth are conducted in the Spring or Summer (but not both in the same year), where information requirements preclude waiting for the normally scheduled Fall interviews. Information includes propensity for military service; reasons for serving in the military, or for not serving; awareness of recruiting advertising and other recruiting efforts; perceptions of the military and the sources of those perceptions; and the impact of domestic and international events on enlistment propensity. As enlistment propensity has fallen dramatically since the end of the Cold War, it enables critical evaluation of alternative explanations of declining propensity. It provides information required by Congress on year-to-year changes in enlistment propensity, and reasons for those changes.

**NEEDS AND USES:** The information provided annually to DoD and the Recruiting Services are required to ascertain changes in youth attitudes that affect recruiting budgets, and to support analysis of recruiting incentives and diagnoses of recruiting difficulties. YATS provides an independent measure of youth awareness of DoD and Service recruiting advertising, and an efficient measure of potential incentives, such as increased educational benefits. The information is used to optimize allocation of resources and evaluate the effect of policy changes. It is used in preparing testimony for Congress on the state of recruiting.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Annual Burden Hours (Including Recordkeeping):** 5,618 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 13,050.

**Responses per Respondent:** 1.

**Average Burden per Response:** .4305 hours.

**Frequency:** One time.

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